



Carl Vinson / CVW-9 Sailor of the Day

SN Derek Garretson



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SN Derek "Jeter" Gerretson, from Deck's 2nd Division, has a hard time posing for the camera.



Gerretson polishes brass outside the officer's brow entrance.

Although the similarities are uncanny, Derek Jeter from the N.Y. Yankees did not join the Navy -- today's Sailor of the Day, SN Derek "Jeter" Garretson, has been hitting home runs for Carl Vinson's Deck Department and is one of 2nd Division's all-star leading seamen who represents his team with pride.

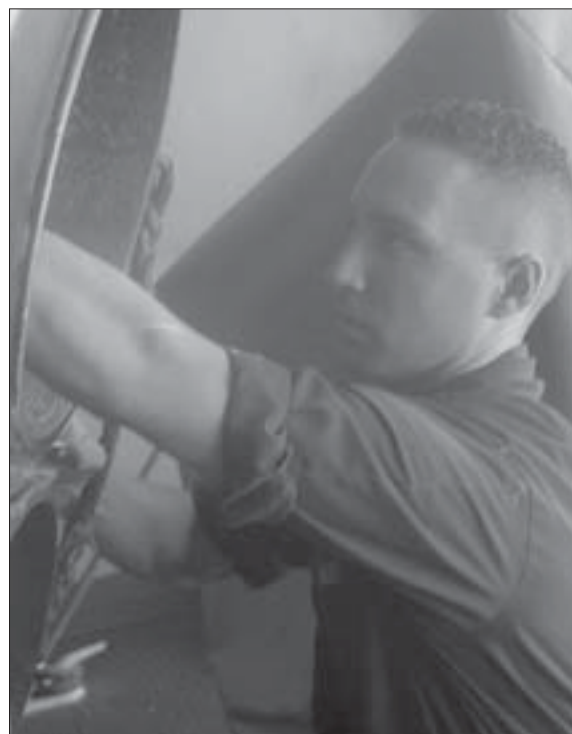
"I decided to join the Navy about a year ago, because they have the best options in way of law enforcement for both training and schooling," said Garretson. "So far, it's been cool. I really like the people I work with, and if it wasn't for them, I wouldn't survive."

Although never really playing in the big leagues, Vinson's Jeter still heads his division's line up when it comes time to meet the preservation and maintenance requirements for Carl Vinson's officer brow.

"(SN Garretson) hands down leads the way," said 2nd Division's LCPO BMCS(SW) Gary Arehart. "He is my 'ace' performer."

In August, the Texas native will exit Deck's dugout, and render a final wave of his ball cap to his friends aboard Carl Vinson as he heads out to Navy "A" school to become a master-at-arms.

"I come from a long line of cops," he said. "My family and a good chunk of my friends back home are all officers. I'm the first to join the military though. I'm pretty interested to see what else is in store. So far, the places I've seen have been great."



Aspiring to the bare minimum isn't aspiring at all for today's Sailor of the Day. SN Garretson feels that being a good leader means showing his troops the road, and walking it with them.

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